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WATER TRANSPORT FACILITIES INCREASE; HIGHWAY REPAIR CONTINUES

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HONG KONG-NATIONALIST CHINA SHIPPING CONTINUES -- Wen-hui Pao, 18 Jan 50

Despite the British recognition of Communist China, shipping service from Hong Kong to places in Nationalist China, such as Taiwan and Hainan, is still continued. An average of one ship every week leaves Hong Kong for Hai-k'ou; while ships flying the Nationalist flag, as well as several British ships belonging to Butterfield and Swire, and the Jardine Matheson Company, maintain, as before their regular service to Taiwan.

KWANGTUNG TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS APPROACH NORMAL -- Wen-hui Pao, 17 Jan 50

Kuang-chou, 16 January -- Nearly all transportation systems in Kwangtung Province are now operating under normal conditions. Already 678 river boats are sailing on the Tung Chiang, Hsi Chiang, and Pei Chiang, and other inland waterways around Kuang-chou. Of these, 217 are on scheduled runs. Records show that in the month of December 1949, a total of more than 5,000 ships, carrying about 300,000 tons of cargo, came into Kuang-chou.

More than 4,000 kilometers of highways, out of the total of 15,000 kilometers in Kwangtung, are now open to vehicular traffic, in comparison with only 2,500 kilometers immediately after liberation.

YUEH-HAN RR TO BE IMPROVED -- Wen-hui Pao, 17 Jan 50

Kuang-chou, 16 January -- At the conference of the representatives of the railroad workers of the Yueh-Han line which adjourned today, the 1950 plans for the Yueh-Han Railroad were outlined by Lei T'ieh-ming, head of the Kuang-chou section of the line. Besides continuous improvement of the line itself, the plans call for improvement in the efficiency of operation of trains. In 1950, the Yueh-Han line will attempt to attain an income of 454 billion yuan by transporting 4.5 million tons of freight and 20 million passengers.

WEN-CHENG BRIDGE NAME CHANGED -- Hau-ch'iao Jih-pao, 16 Jan 50

Chung-shan, Kwangtung -- An uncompleted bridge, originally to be called the Chung-cheng (51, 5643) Bridge, in honor of Generalissimo Chiang, is now renamed the Wen-cheng (4321, 5643) Bridge. The bridge, which is now being completed, is on the road between Wen-ch'ang-sha (4321, 4484, 6031) and Cheng-fou (5643, 1746) in Chung-shan Hsien, Kwangtung.

USSR ENGINEER AIDS BRIDGE REPAIR -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 17 Jan 50

Kuang-chou -- The quick repair of the 240-meter-long bridge of the Yueh-Han Railroad at Ch'u-chiang, completed 26 December 1949, was achieved through the close cooperation of the Chinese engineers and workmen, and particularly because of the outstanding aid of the USSR engineer, Pakulov, who devised a highly effective winch and hoist for handling the bridge members. Much engineering knowledge was learned from this USSR comrade.

FIRST-CLASS SLEEPER ON KUANG-CHOU--SHANG-HAI TRAINS -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 17 Jan 50

Kuang-chou, 16 January -- Beginning tomorrow, 17 January 1950, first-class sleeping cars, as well as second- and third-class accommodations, will be available on all through trains between Kuang-chou and Shang-hai. First-class coach fare will be 335,300 yuan, plus 229,200 yuan for a lower berth or 172,200 for an upper berth, in a sleeping car.

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